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Old Fashioned Christmas Contributes To Visitation Increase

Gil Lusk, Superintendent at Appomattox Court House National Historical Park reported a substantial visitation increase for the month of December. Monthly figures showed an increase of 3,458 visitors of 128 percent over the total for December of 1973. Increased fuel availability and mild weather are considered the major factors contributing to the marked rise in visitation.

A special event on December 21st also helped to bolster the month's visitation figure. On that night the park sponsored an "Old Fashioned" Christmas based on the theme of peace, a theme closely associated with Christmas, the park and the town. The event, described by Superintendent Lusk as "highly successful", attracted nearly 500 people. Park visitors that night saw the village of Appomattox Court House as it might have appeared during a Christmas in the Civil War years. Bonfires, natural lighting, primitive decorations and appropriate costumes reinforced an atmosphere reflective of the mid-19th Century Christmas. Caroling too, added to the flavor of the event. Community response to and enthusiasm for the event were so encouraging that the park staff is making tentative plans to continue the program in coming years. Mr. Lusk wishes to thank area choir members for their vocal support. Also instrumental to the program's success was the support of the Virginia State Police and the Appomattox County Sheriffs' Department.

December's rise in visitation however was not enough to offset a yearly decline of 19,695 or 7.4 percent when compared to last years total. Visitation was just short of the quarter million mark standing at 245,288. According to Superintendent Lusk, "Visitation has shown a very interesting pattern this year. While we were down 7.4 percent for the year we actually had a sizeable increase in visitation during the major travel months of June, July, August and October. The heaviest decreases were from January thru April and were largely attributable to gas shortages which resulted in fewer school groups traveling to the park."

WANT ADS GET RESULTS

Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir:

The University of Alabama Press is to publish a book for me about the Reid family, and I am anxious to get in touch with H. E. Reid, or any of his descendants, who was living in Lincolnton, N. C. in 1907.

H. E. Reid was the son of Judge William Hogan Reid who is buried in Presbyterian Cemetery, Lynchburg, Virginia and who taught school at Edgewood School House near Concord, Virginia. Judge Reid was a nephew of Ferdinand Reid, son of John Orr Reid and his wife Martha Rosser.

I hope you can print this in your newspaper for me, as I have been unable to learn of any of his decendants otherwise.

With my sincere thanks.

Yours very truly,
Mrs. Elizabeth Reid Austin
118 Newman Street
Greenville, S. C. 29001

Reports Fire Damage

Forest fire losses in Southside Virginia's timberlands have been low this year. The number of fires was double last year's record, but still under the 5 year average number of 238 fires per year.

The Farmville District of the Division of Forestry, covering eleven counties in this area, has had 181 fires which burned 643 forested acres and 102 acres of fields.

Forest Wardens who enforce the forest fire laws reported only nine violations of the spring 4 P.M. burning law. Cooperation from the public in reporting fires and a quick attack by volunteer fire departments, forest wardens and volunteers, kept the average size of the fires to a low figure of 3.5 acres.

Amelia County had 15 fires burning 15 acres. Amherst County had 64 fires burning 172 acres. Appomattox had 6 fires burning 10 acres. Bedford had 10 fires burning 92 acres. Buckingham had 12 fires burning 27 acres. Campbell had 24 fires burning 156 acres. Charlotte had 7 fires burning 13 acres, Cumberland had 20 fires burning 23 acres. Lunenburg had 18 fires burning 9 acres.

Nottoway County had 10 fires burning 21 acres and Prince Edward County had 11 fires burning 25 acres.

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The Pastor Speaks

HOPE

The use of the word "hope" in its full biblical - Christian sense is hardly found before we reach the writings of the Epistles, and really this is not surprising since Christian "hope" is grounded in the resurrection of Christ. The amazing and wonder of the word is that it is used only by scripture writers to designate the most wonderful event that will ever take place - the second coming of Christ and the end of the age. It is never used in the New Testament in worldly prospects, it is completely removed from any notion of an earthly Utopia or secular optimism. Let us lead a life of expectancy - of the return of Christ.

". . . . The secret is this: Christ in you the hope of glory to come." Col. 1:27 (NEB)

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The Sunday School Lesson.

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Comment on the International Sunday School lesson for Sunday, January 12, 1975.

Topic: The Suffering Savior.
Scripture: Mark 8: 27-38; 10: 32-34; 15: 21-39.

He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that made us whole, and with his stripes we are healed. Isaiah 53:5.

It is worth noting that the Scriptural background for each of the four lessons in the unit, "The Living God Seeks Men Through the New Man: Christ," is taken from a different Gospel. "The Man of Compassion" was based on Luke, "The Master Teacher" on Matthew, "The Suffering Savior" on Mark, and "The Lord of Life" (next week) on John.

Possibly because it was more pleasant to think of Messiah as conquering ling than as suffering Savior, certainly because it accorded more with their hopes and ambitions, the Jewish people tended to think of Messiah almost exclusively in political terms and did not apply to Him the prophets' concept of the suffering servant. Messiah would lead them to victory over the world power under which they lived and would restore the political and national throne of David. This was the prevalent attitude when Jesus came. Consequently He had to correct the mistaken impression, even for those who became His disciples.

At the outset of Jesus' ministry, there was widespread disposition to regard Him as at least having the potential for Messiahship. According to John, the change came when He refused to allow Himself to be made a king after the feeding of the multitude. As Mark saw Jesus' ministry, the watershed was in the withdrawal from Galilee to the vicinity of Caesarea Philippi and is related in the first of the Scriptural passages on which this week's International Sunday School lesson is based.

As a good teacher, Jesus began with what His hearers already knew. It was important to know what His disciples thought of Him before getting down with them to the basic purpose of His mission. So He first asked them who people thought He was. There were varying answers, but all identified Him with the great prophets. Then He asked the question which every person who hears the gospel, even today, must answer: "Who do you say that I am?" Peter's reply, "You are the Christ," provided the basis on which Jesus could begin to teach them the basic purpose of His mission.

There was no mincing of words about what Jesus would experience. The Son of man faced suffering, rejection by the leaders of His people and the people, death, and resurrection. This portrayal of Messiahship was so contrary to their ideas and involved so much suffering for One he loved that Peter undertook to correct Jesus. Disregarding Peter's motives – and they were good insofar as human judgment is concerned – Jesus corrected Peter's mistaken idea. The error was the work of Satan, and as all Satan's work, it was contrary to the will and purpose of God.

Jesus was not the only one who was to experience suffering, rejection, death – and resurrection. Anyone who would follow Him must take up His cross and deny himself. We tend to take too glibly the idea of taking up a cross. The cross is a structure on which a person is crucified and dies. Paul interprets the concept as dying to the old life of sin in order to be raised to a new life in Christ. Jesus said that one must crucify the self – the selfish, self-center human nature – to follow Him.

What this means is that the disciple of Jesus Christ can no longer do as He pleases, but he must let the will and purpose of God work through him. It may prove quite the opposite of what he would like to do. But Jesus Christ suffered to bring salvation to people. Since the disciple is not above his teacher the disciples of Jesus must put themselves in readiness to follow His example. Here is the profound paradox of the human experience, that a person finds life through giving up his life to God in Christ Jesus.

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... and Mrs. Robert E. ...wife and family, Mr. and ... W. T. Cook were Friday ... guest of Mr. and Mrs. ...ard T. Cook at Prospect. ... and Mrs. Ralph Repass ...e among the Sunday dinner ...s of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. ...poon at Prospect.

... large crowd attended the ... Sunday hymn singing at ... Chestnut Grove Baptist ...rch Sunday night.

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...r. and Mrs. Russell J.. ...rris visited Mrs. Janie ...rnault at Vera, Thursday. ...Monday supper guest of Mr.

and Mrs. K. M. Beasley, Jr. were Mr. and Mrs. Edward T. Cook, Kenneth and Randy of Prospect.

Christmas Day visitors of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Morris were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shepherd, of Washington, D. C., Mr. and Mrs. Joe J.. Harris and family of Appomattox.

Gladys Morris of Bethesda, Maryland, spent Christmas with her mother Mrs. Beulah Morris and brother, Bruce.

Friday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Beasley, Jr. were Mrs Gil Price and David of Farmville, Mrs. Bob Bryan of Dillwyn, Thelma Martin of Appomattox, Jane Speck of Dumphries.

Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. J.. Harris were Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Harris of Green Bay, Mrs. Kline Hill and children of Richmond, Mr. and Mrs. Joe J.. Harris and family, Mr. and Mrs. Pete F. Harris all of Appomatox.

Mrs. T. N. Saul was Christmas Day dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Moore, Jr. at Appomatox.

Sunday night visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Haver at Andersonville were Mr. and Mrs. Roger Morris and girls.

Mrs. C. W. Morris spent the holidays in Kentucky with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bowen.

Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Cook were Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. Barton of Richmond.

The family of Mr. Luther Harris of Shepherds met at Cook Brook Saturday night for a Christmas get together. Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Morris attended.

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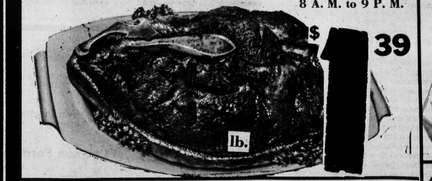

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